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SUBJECT: ASEAN DIALOGUE WITH U.S.

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1. DURING CALL ON MINISTER OF TRADE RADIUS PRAWIRO FEBRUARY 16, I INQUIRED WHETHER POSSIBILITY ASEAN DIALOGUE WITH U.S. MIGHT BE RAISED AT SUMMIT. RADIUS REPLIED THAT INDONESIA HAD BROUGHT UP THIS IDEA AT NOVEMBER MEETING OF ECONOMIC MINISTERS IN JAKARTA AND INDICATED THAT THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FROM OTHER MEMBERS FOR ESTABLISHING DISCUSSION WITH U.S. AS WELL AS JAPAN. HE CITED ASEAN CONTACTS WITH EEC AS POSSIBLE MODEL. THE MINISTER INDICATED THIS TOPIC WOULD BE ON AGENDA OF BALI SUMMIT AND THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE DISCUSSED IN GERNERAL TERMS; A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF ECONOMIC MINISTERS TWO WEEKS LATER WOULD TREAT THIS SUBJECT IN MORE DETAIL.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, RADIUS SAID ASEAN HAD NOT FORMERLY ASSIGNED ANY MEMBER STATE TO ACT AS INTERLOCUTOR WITH THE U.S. ALTHOUGH HE AGREED WITH MY ASSESSEMNT THAT IT WOULD MOST LIKELY BE THE PHILIPPINES. HE SAID THAT MALAYSIA HAD BEEN SUGGESTED AS THE CONTACT FOR ASEAN'S DIALOGUE WITH JAPAN WHILE GOI WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE LEAD ON BEHALF OF ASEAN IN ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH EEC.

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